

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.


Claims 1, 3-5, 6-9, 10-16 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 for inclusion of the phrase "at least three" in the respective independent claims. Applicants have cancelled the offending language rendering the rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding §112 rejections against claims 1, 3-5, 6-9, 10-16 and 17-20 be withdrawn.

Claims 18-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 for including an insufficient antecedent basis. In response, Applicants have amended base claim 17 to provide a proper antecedent basis for the phrase "said plurality of rotatable members" that appears in claims 18-20. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding §112 rejections against claims 18-20 be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 6, 10-16 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Markin et al. in view of Eitel. At the threshold, applicants urge that the newly cited references are not relevant to the claimed invention since they show subject matter (vehicular cherry pickers) that are different from the mobile computer workstation claimed by applicants. In other words, Applicants' claims should not be misinterpreted to cover the motorized vehicles of the type shown in the newly cited art.

Although Applicant's believe that the claims should not have been misread onto the cited references, Applicants have amended the independent claims in a way that better distinguishes the claimed invention from the subject matter disclosed in the cited references. In

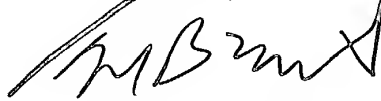
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addition, in a telephone interview with examiner Novosad and supervisory patent examiner Stodola it was agreed that the added language relating to the sitting and standing user positions would be acceptable in distinguishing the claimed invention from the cited references. In other words, the claims would be in condition for allowance.

In view of the amending changes made and arguments submitted, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance of claims 1 and 3-20. However, if the examiner believes that some minor additional clarification would put the case in even better condition for allowance, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355 in order to hasten the prosecution of this application.

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APPENDIX

MARKED-UP AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:
- a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;
 - at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;
 - a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;
 - said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;
 - said lower end of said second arm being attached to a base supported by a plurality of [at least three attached] rotatable members;
 - a line passing through a center of said upper end of said second arm and a center of said lower end of said second arm being oriented at a fixed acute angle, greater than zero, with respect to a vertical line passing through said base; [and]
 - said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance; and
 - wherein said first distance corresponds to a sitting user position, and said second distance corresponds to a standing user position.

6. A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

- a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;

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at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;

a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;

said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;

said lower end of said second arm being attached in a fixed orientation to a base supported by a plurality of [at least three attached] rotatable members;

said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance; [and]

said at least one platform is closer to a vertical line passing through a center of said base when said first arm is at said second angular position than when said first arm is at said first angular position; and

wherein said first distance corresponds to a sitting user position, and said second distance corresponds to a standing user position.

10. A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;

at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;

a computer input device and a computer output device being supported by said at least one platform;

a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;

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said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;

said lower end of said second arm being attached to a base supported by a plurality of [at least three attached] rotatable members;

a line passing through a center of said upper end of said second arm and a center of said lower end of said second arm being oriented at a fixed acute angle, greater than zero, with respect to a vertical line passing through said base; [and]

said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance; and

wherein said first distance corresponds to a sitting user position, and said second distance corresponds to a standing user position.

17. A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;

at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;

a computer input device and a computer output device being supported by said at least one platform;

a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;

said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;

said lower end of said second arm being attached to a base supported by a plurality of [at least three attached] rotatable members;

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a neutral support stop mechanism operably coupled between said first arm and said second arm;

a line passing through a center of said upper end of said second arm and a center of said lower end of said second arm being oriented at a fixed acute angle, greater than zero, with respect to a vertical line passing through said base; [and]

said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance; and

wherein said first distance corresponds to a sitting user position,
and said second distance corresponds to a standing user position.

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